

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Holger BIRK et al.

Title: METHOD AND INSTRUMENT FOR MICROSCOPY

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Continuing Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: